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CHAPTER I.

A, na, sir; A'm no sayin' it's no bonny if it wad please the Lord tae sweep awa a hantle o' pirates that's forever hangin' aboot the islands."

Mr. Menzies, who was the speaker. was standing beside me on the poop deck of the Crusader on her voyage from China to London with tea, and at the moment we were running along the windward side of a large tropical island to the south of the Philippines. The first mate of the Crusader was a tall, powerfully built man, with the high cheek bones and hard features of the lowland Scot, which were not softened by bushy whiskers of a dull red color, crowned by a tangled mass of brighter red on his head that seemed to defy every attempt to keep it in order. He had shaggy red eyebrows, under which there looked out a pair of keen gray blue eyes, occasionally lighted up by a passing gleam of sardonic humor, which, however, never went far enough to move the hard lines of his face to anything like a smile. His shaven upper lip and chin showed a square jaw and determined mouth which never opened unless for speaking or eating and then closed again with as little delay as possible.

"Why, there's no danger from pirates at this time of day, Mr. Menzies, is there?" I replied, a little startled.

"Nae danger?" he said thoughtfully. "Weel, A'm no sayin' but they're scarcer noo—the Lord be praised for that same—but A'm thinkin' even ane or twa may be plenty for quaet folks. There!" he added suddenly in a different tone as he gripped me by the arm. "See till you noo!"

I looked, and, as if by intuition, I understood what he meant. It was a low vessel with two masts and square lateen sails that had just made its appearance from behind a high wooded point of the island. There was something easy and graceful in the way she skimmed the water, and she might have passed for a fairy ship in the yellow glow of the evening light, and yet she gave an impression of danger. There was something threatening about her black hull, something stealthy and treacherous in her swift, gliding motion.

"What is she?" I asked, looking at her with a suspicion of danger. "Weel," the mate answered slowly, "Ah canna jist say, but Ah misdoobt she's no vera canny by the looks o' her. A'll jist gie the skipper a bit ca'," he added as he turned away.

I don't know that I ever saw a lovelier evening or a more beautiful piece of Island scenery, but already that creeping black spot had spoiled it for me. As I stared at it my mind ran over the tales I had heard of the ferocity of the barbarous pirates of the eastern archipelago. Till then indeed they had been as unreal to me as the adventures of Ali Baba, but now, as I looked at the broad sails flattened against the masts and the low, snaky looking hull that crept out from the shore, I shuddered. In a few minutes the mate came on deck again with the captain, and the first anxious glance the latter cast at the schooner was not reassuring. He had a glass in his hand, however, and after he had examined her for a minute he turned to his companion with a half laugh.

"Oh, she's all right," he said, a little impatiently. "There aren't a dozen men on her. You shouldn't alarm yourself about trifles, Mr. Menzies."

"Ah dinna ken what ye may consider a trifle, sir," and I noticed a cold gleam in the mate's eyes as he spoke, but A'm thinkin' there may be mair haun's aboord than ye can see through that gless, an' if it doesna please the Lord ta'e gie us a breeze she'll be alangside in half an 'oor. An' may the Lord hae mercy on oor sinfu' sauls!" he added in a lower tone.

The skipper shrugged his shoulders. "I've often heard about these pirates," he said contemptuously, "but in eighteen voyages in these seas I never met with one. My education must have been neglected, I suppose."

"Weel, captain," the mate answered coolly, "Ah wudna wonder gin that defec' micht be remedied the noo, for it wudna surprise me if ye were tae meet wi' twa this time. Div ye see yon?"

The captain started as his eye followed the mate's hand and caught sight of a second schooner, hardly distinguishable from the first, coming into sight from behind another point farther along the coast. As near an approach to a smile as I had yet seen lighted up the depths of Menzies' eyes as he watched the skipper's startled expression, but he only added in the

same matter of fact tone:

"An', as Ah was sayin', captain, it's no a'tegither unlikely that ane or baith o' them '!! be alangside in half an 'oor."

"Heavens, man!" the skipper exclaimed in quite a new tone. "If it should be, what's to be done?"

Menzies glanced coolly up at the sails. "Weel," he said composedly, "Ah dinna see that we can pit ony mair canvas on her the noo, sae A'm think-lu' we might be gittin' oot the guns an cutlasses, for it wudna be jist becomin' tae gi' in without a bit fecht."

I stared at the man, but a look was enough to convince me that he was speaking seriously. I fancied there was even an unusual look of interest in his cold eyes, as if he rather enjoyed the prospect. The captain turned away with an oath and began to give hasty orders for the better trimming of the sails. The mate watched him for a moment. Then he turned to me.

"We micht as weel be seein' what weapons we hae, captain," he said. "Ah wudna wonder, though, it's likely they'll be mair in yer way than mine." I followed him below in rather a dazed state of mind.

It didn't take long to collect all the serviceable arms, and when we had brought them into the saloon there was still daylight enough to see both the schooners. The sun had gone down

some time before, indeed, and the gray tint which so quickly follows sunset in the tropics was stealing over the water, but the vessels were even more clearly visible than they had been in the glow of the sunset. All three had kept their course, but as the schooners lay nearer to the wind than the ship both were closing on us. The breeze, however, had freshened, and the Crusader was forging ahead. It was evident that the schooner we had sighted first would cross our course at some distance behind us, and even the other would hardly cross our bows as easily as I had supposed when I saw her first. If they were pirates, as Menzies thought, there was a chance of our running away from them after all.

"That looks better, doesn't it?" I said as we stood on the main deck just outside the poop. "The old ship may show them her heels after all."

"Ah wudna say till the contrary if they'd only let her alane, but A'm thinkin' that's no the Lord's wull, sir," he replied.

"Why, what do you mean?" I asked, not catching his meaning at the moment.

"See till that noo!" he said, laying his hand on my arm and pointing to the foremost vessel. My eyes followed his hand, and I started. The schooner was coming up into the wind. Her black hull was shortening, her big lateen sails shivering. She was going



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They followed the tall figure of the mate.

about.

"She's going to give it up," I exclaimed, "or else you we've mistaken, and she isn't a pirate after all."

"That's as the Lord pleases, but A'm thinkin' ye'll see. Bide a wee, sir."

She came round slowly till she headed for us directly, and then she seemed to hang in the wind for a minute, as if in doubt whether to go about or to fall off again. I was watching breathlessly for her next movement when my companion exclaimed, "Eh, man, Ah thocht sae!" A sudden flash leaped from the bow of the schooner, followed instantly by a jet of white smoke. There was a strange noise overhead,

half hiss, half scream, and a moment later the heavy boom of a cannon rolled sullenly across the gray water. I turned a startled look on the mate but his eyes were already turned up ward to the rigging as he coolly continued: "It'll be a lang gun amidships. Losh me! An' tae think we canno greher a bit shot oorsel's."

A voice, so changed that for a moment I scarcely recognized it for the skipper's, came down from the poop deck.

"Don't you think we had better put her about, Mr. Menzies?" it said tremulously. The mate started for the first time.

"Gang aboot? What for wad ye gang aboot? Wudna ye jist rin into the mooth o' the ither ane?" Then he added in a hasty half whisper to me; "A'll hae to look efter him or he'll gang clear aff his heed. Ah hae kent he was but a puir fushionless chield. But the Lord's wull be dune."

In another second he had swung himself on the poop, where the skipper stood staring helplessly at the vessels,

whose true character had just dawned upon him with a paralyzing shock. As soon as she fired she began to fall off, and it was a minute or two before she came up near enough to fire again, but when she did the shot flew screaming through our rigging, cutting several ropes and tearing a hole in the lower part of our main topsail. The skipper had turned deadly pale and leaned heavily against the rail, but as he saw her coming up for a third shot he gasped out the words:

"Put her about, Menzies! 1 insist up on it! Put her about, I say!"

"Na, na, captain. Pit her about yersel', gin ye want her sunk," was the cool reply. "Ah dinna mind a fecht, but it's nae pairt o' ma duty tae throw the ship awa because ye're frichtened."

This open defiance seemed to arouse the skipper as perhaps nothing else would have done, for he made a quick step forward at the very moment our pursuer fired her third shot. It was better aimed than the others and struck the rail close behind him, shattering it to a hundred pieces, one of which struck the captain in the head as he was in the very act of ordering the mate below. He fell without a cry, and Menzies bent over him for an instant. Then he straightened himself and looked around. I had sprung up the steps to help with the skipper, but he quietly waved me back.

"Ye needna mind him the noo," he said. "He's faur beyant help, A'm thinkin'." Then he stood as if in deep thought for half a minute, his eyes taking in first the Crusader and then the two schooners. At last he turned sharply to the steersman and gave him the order to bring the ship up into the wind. Both the second mate and I stared at him silently, too much surprised to ask any questions, even if the expression of his face hadn't forbidden it. But in fact he seemed a different man from the moment when the fall of the skipper had placed him in command. His rough manner had become a masterful decision. Even the

angular lines of his face and figure had developed a new force and a rough dignity that were impressive. Two or three quick, peremptory orders to the crew followed that to the man at the wheel, and before I could inderstand what was being done he had brought her head to the wind and laid her to.

Good heavens! Was he going to surrender without an effort?

It seemed so, and the question broke from my lips as I stared in astonishment across the wounded body of the skipper, whose suggestion he had treated so contemptuously not ten minutes before.

"Na, ha, sir," he answered grimly; "A'll no be sayin' that a'tegither, but A'm thinkin' there's naething to be got by gettin' blawn tae bits. Please the Lord, we'll hae a bit fecht for't yet."

Next moment he ordered two of the men to carry the captain below. There was something even more cool and deliberate than usual in his way of speaking, which certainly had an effect on the sailors, who when the firing first began seemed inclined to become demoralized. Now his clear, hard tones seemed to act on the men like a tonic, and they sprang to carry out each order as it was given in a way that showed renewed confidence both in their commander and themselves. They lifted the skipper's body from the deck and proceeded to carry it below.

Menzies turned to the second mate. "Ye'll see him pit thacently in his berth, Mr. Jarvis, but ye'll no be losin' time aboot it. A'll be wantin' ye here the noo," he said.

Perhaps Menzies' action in lying to had surprised our pursuers, too, for the schooner wasted no more shot upon us, but, flattening the sails against the mast once more, headed for us directly. Menzies eyed her for a second or two with a hard, cynical look on his face as he noticed that so far his tactics had resulted as he had expected. Then he turned away with a sound that was almost like a chuckle, remarking for my benefit:

"Weel, A'm thinkin' it's efter sundoon, onyway, sae it 'll no be unbecomin' tae haul doon that bit ensign. If the Lord pleases, it may e'en gie the deevils a' the mair confidence." He called a sailor and gave the order, which was instantly obeyed, and then, easting another look at the schooner, which looked gray in the fading light, he descended to the main deck with the same heavy, deliberate step he would have used in walking the deck in a calm.

I had often seen what discipline can do in moments of emergency and danger, but that was my first experience of the effect of purely personal character. I felt it myself, and I could see how it told upon every man of the crew as soon as he came into contact with it. Something of the cool, cynical determination of the man seemed to enter into each one he spoke to, and in less than five minutes he had set each to work in his preparation for defense. There were four guns on deck, and these he had cleared away and loaded with a miscellaneous assortment of odds and ends instead of ball, while he took a special interest in the fifth one on the forecastle, which he loaded himself. The guns and ammunition were served out under his inspection, and each of the crew was provided with a cutlass, Menzies himself selecting the largest among them. The men worked with a will, and the mate appeared to be everywhere at once and to direct everybody, though he never seemed to be in a hurry. At last everything had been done, and the sailors, of whom there were twenty-five, were armed and ready. Then Menzies stepped deliberately up the steps to the poop deck and looked around in the gathering twilight. After a few seconds he leaned over the

unbroken part of the rail and spoke

"Noo, my lauds, hand rersel's ready, The first are 'll be alangside in two or three meenutes. We canna' stop them frae boardin' us, but ye'll mind an' let fly wi' the cannons. Mr. Jarvis, when Ah gie the word. Ah reckon they'll jist aboot sweep the decks. Ye needna mind the ane on the fock'sle. We might want it later on. Noo, mind ye, A'm no sayin' we'll beat them, but A'm thit kin' it's jist death onyway, an' it's mair be omin' tae dee, if we maun dee, fechtin' than seekin' mercy frae a wheen thrown deevils like yon."

The men were beginning to cheer, but he neld up his hand to stop them. "Na, na. lauds," he said. "Keep yer braeth till ye need it, an' that 'll no be lang. Dinna fet them guess we're gaun the fecht till we canna help it."

There was a dead silence, and the men looked at one another. I glanced along the line of weather beaten faces and noticed that some of them seemed uncertain what to do next.

"Look here, my men," I said. "Keep steady. See that your guns are all ready. Stand well back on this side of the deck and be ready to fire when I give you the word—not a moment somer—and then fire low."

"Aye, aye, sir; that's field. Mind: men, an' whan ye've fired ye'll jist oot cutlasses an' follow me. A'm comin' doon whan she comes alangside, but no till then. They might want tae speak till us, though Ah dinna expectat muckle manners frae them."

Silence fell on the deck again when he stopped, and some of the men looked at the caps on their muskets to see that all was ready. There was hardly a sound except the occasional flapping of a sail or the crisp dash of a wave against the ship. The light was fading rapidly, and the horizon was closing in, gray and misty, and as I listened I fancied I could hear the splash of water, as if thrown off from a vessel's bows close at hand, and once or twice a confused noise as if of many voices.

It was the mate's voice that broke the oppressive slience.

"Noo, Mr. Jarvis, be ready wi' the cannons an' stauit' by tae rin back the ports. Div ye hear her the noo? She'll be alangside in a meenute or two. Losh me; they steer her weel. Please the Lord we'll gie some o' them their fairins, lauds,"

We could see nothing of the enemy as yet from where we stood on the main deck, concealed by the high bulwarks, but in another minute I saw the shadow of a mast and square topped sail creep past, and then a second. Then a hoarse order was shouted in what I took to be Spanish. Then there was a sound of hauling ropes and creaking yards, and I could hear the rush and splash of water close alongside as the schooner forged slowly ahead to windward, drifting down upon us as she lost way. Then there was another shout, a pistol was fired, and next moment Menzies leaped from the poop to the main deck with the exclamation:

"Eh mon, Ah thocht as much! If the thrawn deevil didna try tae pit a bullet in me. Noo, then, Mr. Jarvis, are ye a' ready wi' the cannons? Weel, then, awa wi' the ports, an' fire!"

There was a low, fierce ring in his voice, and next moment the sailors who stood by the movable parts of the bulwark on the windward side dragged them away. The four cannon were fired almost simultaneously at a range of certainly not more than a dozen feet on to the deck of the drifting schooner, and through the sudden roar of the reports came a fierce, inarticulate howl more like that of beasts than men. The thick white smoke rose in a dense cloud, shutting off the shadowy masts and sails that a moment before had seemed almost to touch our

shrouds and make even the figures of our own men look dim and shadowy in the failing light. It was only for a minute or two. Then several of the schooner's cannon were fired into our hull, and next moment, with a wild yell, the pirates boarded.

I could see the men nearest me pull themselves together at the sound, and I had only time to shout, "Now, men, steady, mind, and aim low!" when the first gray figures surged up through the smoke and showed above our bulwarks. I waited just another instant to allow the wild looking figures to reach the deck, and then I shouted "Fire!" I dare say the aim was far from deadly, but old soldiers couldn't have obeyed the order more promptly, and the report of our muskets rang out sharp and sudden. It was followed by a second howl, if possible less human than the first. It was still in the air when Menzies' voice broke in upon it in a tone but little less fierce than its commence in the second production of the ôwn:

"Noo, lands, cutlasses, an' nae quarter! Follow me!"

The sailors threw down their guns and, with a shout, followed the tall figure of the mate into the smoke which hing darkly over the deck. There were a wild chorus of shouting and yells in the darkness, the clash of swords and the sound of falling bodies; but, though I followed Menzies closely. I met with no opposition. We had cleared the deck. My advance was stopped by the bulwark at the moment when a sudden gust of wind drove the smoke before it, and I could see the fleck of the schooner below me. At the same instant Menzies' figure loomed out large as he stood for a moment on the bulwark, his cutlass waving over his head.

"Come on, lauds!" he shouted fierce-

ly. "The sword o' the Lord an' o' Geedlon!" Then he leaped, and every man of us followed him as best we could. I don't know how I got there, but in another moment I found myself on the schooner's deck, cutting and slashing furiously at a confused mass of woolly heads and dark, savage faces, tossing arms and gleaming weapons, from which there came yells and howls in every tone of savage pain and anger. I was conscious only of the impression that the enemy far exceeded us in numbers, and somewhere behind that was the conviction that it couldn't last long. I have no idea how long it did last, for I had no time to think, but it could hardly have been more than ten minutes before we had been driveu back by pure force of numbers and those of us who could had scrambled from the schooner's bulwark to our own, closely pursued by the yelling and now victorious pirates. How any of the men got back I don't know, but some few of them, besides Menzies and myself, actually did so. Most of them were more or less wounded, but they fought desperately and only fell back foot by foot toward the forecastle. Step by step, however, we were driven back. I was desperately defending the top of the ladder that led from the main deck to the forecastle against half a dozen pirates, while below me on the deck there seemed to be fifty more at least, and the thought had just passed my mind that it couldn't

last much longer when I was almost deafened by the sudden roar of one of the two forecastle cannonades.

What it had been loaded with I didn't know, but I couldn't have believed that so small a cannon could have done such execution. For a moment it seemed to me that it had absolutely swept the main deck, and it certainly created such a panic that what were left of the pirates ran like sheep. I don't know what madness it was that possessed me, but for the moment the sight of the flying pirates seemed to

deprive me or every thought but the mere savage desire for vengeance, and I leaped from the forecastle, closely followed by two or three others, and pursued them with a shout. It was not till I had reached the bulwark near our poop deck and saw one of my followers in the very act of leaping down upon the deck of the schooner, which seemed to swim below me in a red gloom, that I came to myself.

Where was Menzies? I looked around in the gathering darkness, and as I did so there was a sudden blaze of red light and then a roar. For just a moment the blood stained deck below me, with its heaps of dead and wounded men, shone out clear in the crimson light. Then the vessel beside us seemed to heave and rise and swell and then, with one deafening crash, spars, masts, planks and even human beings were hurled high in the air and descended in a hail of ruin on our decks. I heard one wild, triumphant shout. My eyes seemed full of the red glare of the explosion. Something struck me on the head and the lights went out, leaving only darkness and silence.

CHAPTER II.

HEN I came to myself it was dark. It must have been several minutes before I attempted to move, and I gradually came back to fuller consciousness of what had happened. My eyes peered round curiously into the darkness in the vague hope of discovering something that might help me, but the shadows were impenetrable. What was it that had happened? At last I put out my hand cautiously. It came in contact with something. It was something rough and hard and cool, and instinctively I drew it back. Again I put it out, and this time I felt for the place on which I was lying. It was soft and warm, like very fine dry sand. I thought I had been perfectly silent, but I suppose I must have made some noise loud enough to be heard in the utter stillness of the place.

A low, cautious whisper reached me. "Wheest, mon," it said in a tone which somehow brought everything back upon my mind with a vividness of a lightning blaze. "Ah wadna jist say it was ower canny tae mak ony noise the noo."

"Is that you, Menzies?" I whispered anxiously.

"Oo, aye, sir; A'm thinkin' it's a' that's left o' me onyway. An' ho's yersel' after a' said an' dune?"

I felt myself over with my hands before attempting to reply, hardly expecting to find myself entire, though I felt no pain. The result of my investigation was encouraging.

"I seem to be all right, Menzies," I whispered after a pause, "but where are we? Surely we must be on shore."

"On shore, div ye say? There's nae doobt o' that, for there ne'er was craft wi' sae uncanny a smell o' damp earth an' rocks as this. But hoo we cam here Ah dinna ken, for A'm thinkin' Ab must ha' got a bit ding on the heed

whan the deevils blew up. The Lord be thankit for't!"

"It might have been better for us after all if we had gone up with them ourselves," I said despondently. "It was a quick end, at any rate."

"Wheest, sir," he whispered impressively, "while there's life hope's no deed, A'm thinkin'. Ah wudna wonder but ye micht say yet wi' auld King Danvid, by the Lord's help ye hae lonpit ower a wall, an' mair by token this feels unco like a wall o' some sort."

"I wish we had some light, if it were only to see what the place is like," I whispered impatiently.

"Weel, A'm no sure but there's a licht comin'. Ye'll no forget tae mak a' the use ye can o't when it's here."

It was true. There was a faint red glow that seemed to mix with the darkness, though as yet it didn't enable us to see anything. I raised myself on my elbow and looked eagerly around. Little by little it grew stronger until at last it came suddenly into sight as if from an entrance at right angles to the place in which we lay. The light came from a flaring torch made of something that looked like twisted cocoanut fibers, no doubt soaked in grease, which blazed up with a wavering flame that threw only an uncertain light on everything but the little party of some half dozen men who accompanied the man who carried it. Seen by that red, smoky blaze they were a strange, brutal looking party. Olive tinted, brown, black and yellow, with shaggy hair and fierce eyes, they seemed to be at least half intoxicated, and in their fantastic clothing, made up of bright colored tunics, coats and vests, they looked like a troupe of crazy actors escaped from a pantomime.

I had but just time to notice that Menzies and I seemed to have been thrown down on a bed of soft sand that formed the floor of some sort of cave, one side of which was formed of what looked like vast blocks of roughly hewn rock laid one on the other without any mortar between. Menzies, who wasn't a dozen yards away, sat up blinking with dazzled eyes at the smoky red light near the middle of the cavern, while I was close to the wall, which must have been what I touched when first I put out my hand. In another instant we were surrounded by the party, amid a perfect babel of exclamations in what sounded like half a dozen languages, and I found myself roughly seized and dragged to my feet. Resistance would of course have been madness, as they were not only three or four to one, but were also armed with large knives or daggers, which they flourished before our eyes. It was like some wild nightmare—the cavern, with the huge cyclopean wall, on which the smoky light glanced and sparkled, the wild, masquerading figures, with their discordant speech and hoarse laughter; the strange stunned sensation, in which were mingled a confused recollection of the past and a puzzled perception of present danger.

Our guard or executioners-for my first impression was that we were being dragged out to be killed-marched us off in a kind of rude procession, in which the torchbearer went first and Menzies, held on each side by a guard and followed by a third, like myself, came last. After the first few yards we turned sharply to the right, and in another minute we were in the open air. There was a soft breeze that blew refreshingly on my face, and overhead a thousand points of light sparkled in the dark sky. I could even fancy that I saw the dim outlines of long, drooping leaves, like the ghosts of palm trees in the darkness. In another minute we had reached the entrance of a new passage, out of which there came a confused noise of voices, oaths and snatches of hoarse singing. A few steps more, and, turning a corner in the broad passage, the scene burst upon us. It was like a cave, yet hardly a cave of Nature's making. On each side the walls were formed of the same gigantic stones I had noticed already in the glance I got of the cave in which I had recovered consciousness. What the roof consisted of I couldn't tell, but it was blackened with smoke which rose from a fire in the center of the place.

There might have been nearly a hundred human beings visible, of whom perhaps sixty were men. Most of the others were women, while here and there a child lay coiled up in a corner on the soft sand. It was evident that

many races were represented among the men. Spanish desperadoes, oriental negroes with black, ape-like faces, and yellow faced outcasts of China and Japan with fierce animal eyes and bloated features could all be distinguished at a glance.

We were dragged between little groups of men and women, who seemed to be drinking, till we reached the farther end, where a little knot of men were drinking at a table, at one end of which we were placed, facing a large, dark man, with a bloated face and bloodshot eyes, who sat drinking at the other. He was dressed in a blue uniform coat, with epaulets, and a broad sash of crimson silk around his waist, while he wore on his head, though tilted very much to one side, a cocked hat, with a large white plume of feathers. It was evident he was intoxicated, for the look he threw at me was at least as stupid as fierce, while he asked some question in a language which I took to be Spanish or Portuguese. Menzies, who was now beside me, shook his head, and I followed his example. The captain looked stupidly from one to the other of us, and then he exclaimed with what sounded like an oath:

"Where come from, dogs?"

Before I could make up my mind what to reply Menzies answered in his usual cool, cynical voice: "Weel, noo that ye speak in something like a Christian language, Ah dinna mind tellin' ye-we're last frae Hongkong."

An Animal Story For Little Folks Bear Looks Pleasant

There was a dancing bear belonging to a traveling showman who was to have his photograph taken.

The man set his camera up in the middle of the road and the master handed a long pole to the bear and told him to stand up straight and hold perfectly still for a few moments.

The bear did just as he was told to do, but the man was dissatisfied and walked around and around trying to find a better position.

"Hurry up," said the master.

"Very well, I'll soon be ready," answered the man. But somehow or oth-



RIGHT UPON HIS NOSE HE CRACKED THE MAN.

er he could not get things in shape, and the bear was getting more and more restless all the time. After awhile, however, he said he thought that everything was all right, and he said to the bear:

"Now, look pleasant, please!"

And that was more than the bear could stand.

Mr. Bear took a firm hold on the pole that he held in his paws and made a dash for the man. Right upon his nose he cracked the man and sent him tumbling over on the ground.

"Hold on, there; don't hurt that man!" cried the master. And with that

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the bear started after the master. This fellow fell on his knees and begged not to be hurt.

"Very well," said the bear. "But you must do one thing—you must both stand up here together and look pleasant while I take your pictures."

They agreed to do this, and the bear stood up and kept them standing there for three hours. Then he said he thought he had better go to dinner. He trotted off into the woods and never did return. -St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

THE LIGHT THAT CURES.

Use of Violet Ray and X Ray In New York Hospital.

Important experiments in the treatment of tuberculosis and cancer with the violet ray and the X ray have been conducted for months past at the Flower hospital in New York city by Dr. William H. King, the consulting physician of the department of electro therapeutics.

Hundreds of patients have been treated for cancer, tuberculosis of the bones and lupus vulgaris, which is consumption of the skin, since the violet ray experiments were begun a year ago, and the results have demonstrated conclusively to the doctor that the violet ray is excellent for treatment of tuberculosis of the skin and a few other skin discases, eight patients suffering from lupus vulgaris, considered incurable, having been greatly benefited or wholly cured by this treatment.

It has not been found, however, to be good for tuberculosis of the bones and joints, ulcers or most cases of cancers. The violet ray requires a long time for treatment, but the cures are so perfect, leaving so little scar, that the time may be comparatively disregarded.

The violet ray is the violet ray of the white light and for therapeutic purposes is produced by the arc electric light. The method of treatment is simple. The patient is placed near the lamp, and the lenses are so manipulated that the violet rays are focused on the diseased spot, while the less refractory heat rays are distributed to the outer circle. Treatments are continued twenty to thirty minutes, as there is no danger of overexposure as there is with the X ray.

Regarding the experiments with X rays in the Flower hospital, Dr. King said that secondary cancers have not yielded so readily to the treatment as primary ones, yet there had been a large per cent of them cured.

The doctor believed that, taking the ordinary run of cancers, a much greater per cent could be cured by the X ray than by operative measures. In fact, eight cases had been cured which had been operated upon, which had returned to the hospital and in which the surgeons were utterly helpless to do any more.

Paper and Ink From Bananas.

The fruit and plant of the banana serve various useful purposes which are little known in this country. In South Africa banana stalks are in great demand as a material for the manufacture of paper, while excellent indelible ink is prepared from the peel of the fruit. An extremely nutritious flour is made from the green fruit dried, and unripe bananas, when boiled tender, are fed to the ostriches on farms in Cape Colony. This food is said to make them, and even ordinary fowls, lay more eggs than any other diet. Dried bananas, or "banana figs," as they are called, are also in great favor with Africanders.

How to Keep Your House Cool.

There is a cottage on the slope of the Orange mountains in New Jersey which is porched on all sides and screened against insectiferous pests with galvanized mesh. A gutter extends around the edge of each porch beneath the cornicing and engaging with the top of the screening. The bottom is perforated. In hot weather this gutter is flushed with water, which trickles down the screening, rendering the house cool and keeping out all dust.

Aniline Colors From Petroleum.

Anifine colors similar to those from coal tar are now made in a Russian factory from petroleum. They are free from a troublesome constituent of the coal tar dyes and do not turn green with age. The factory is producing annually about 50,000 pounds of these dyestuffs, which are mostly used for coloring cotton goods.

FOR THE MILKMAN.

Dipper Which Won't Spill and Can Be Used as a Measure.

With the ordinary type of milk dipper considerable difficulty is often experienced on account of its awkward

shape. The usual construction comprises a cup and a long handle, by means of which the milk. may be dipped up from the can and poured into the bottles or measures. The cup, as a rule, cannot be filled to the brim because a large quantity of milk is apt to be spilled in removing and emptying the dipper.

We illustrate herewith a milk dipper which is provided with a tightly fitting lid. This may be opened by drawing together two levers on the handle. As soon as the dipper has been filled to its full extent the levers are re-

UNIQUE MILK DIPPER.

leased and the lid drops down under spring pressure to closed position. The dipper may then be carried to the point desired without danger of spilling the contents.

When the dipper is to be emptied the levers are again pressed, opening the cover, and the milk can be poured out, as usual. Thus it will be seen that the dipper may also serve as a measure for the quantity taken from the can, since it may always be filled to the limit without danger of spilling.

CONDENSED STORIES.

Was Afraid of Demurrers Bacause One Threw Him Out of Court.

After having been solicitor general Captain Evan P. Howell, our present distinguished mayor, retained a considerable amount of private practice in Clayton superior court. At one term of the court he had a weak case for a very dull witted but persistent client. When it was sounded on the docket for trial the lawyer for the defense had filed a

demurrer that was discussed and sustained, thereby throwing the plaintiff's case overboard.

The plaintiff had listened intensely to a legal duel, the purport of which was to him as a display of cuneiform inscriptions, but had a consciousness that something awful had happened when the fracas between the lawyers came to an abrupt end.

He went out like Mary's little lamb and lingered around until Captain Howell emerged from the courthouse door. His client seized him by the arm and dragged him off to a quiet spot in the shadow of John L. Doval's law office.

"Evan, whut's happened?" he tremulously questioned.

"Why, John, that unfeeling judge in there let the case go off on a demurrer."

"Well, Evan, I know that, and we're flung out all right, but what 'n thunder is a demurrer? Tell me that now!"

"Oh, John, you go home to your plowing and don't worry. The good Lord never intended a fellow like you to understand the lengths and breadths, the heights and depths, of a demurrer! Why, a demurrer is one of the most dangerous things that the law of a thousand years has brought down to us for our affliction! Go home and try to forget

And John went—went in a hurry, so as to get space between him and the demurrers as quickly as possible.—Atlanta Constitution.

The Right to Make a Living.

When Robert C. Morris was president of the New York Republican county committee he was a "mark" for men who banked on hard luck tales. Just before he sailed for Venezuela a well dressed fellow approached him as he was leaving the Fifth Avenue hotel.

"Beg your pardon," said the man. "It's really too ridiculous, but"-

"Hold on," interrupted Mr. Morris. "You told me that story last week. Now I am going to turn you over to the police."

"My dear sir," exclaimed the beggar, bristling up, "I want you to understand that I have as good a right to make a living as you have."

FOR LAZY SIGHTSEERS.

Auto Chairs to Be Operated on Exposition Grounds.

Automobile chairs propelled by electricity will be used at the world's fair at St. Louis next year. A concession was recently granted by the exposition to a St. Louis company, giving it the right to operate the new style chairs within the world's fair grounds. The chair is the invention of Semple S. Scott and is the result of nearly three years' experimenting and design-

It is said that the machine has a uniform speed of three miles an hour. which is exactly the same running up or down a steep grade or on a level. The simplicity of operation is such that any one can readily run it. The most desirable feature is the fact that the machine is provided with a sensitive guard rail. The latter is deemed the most valuable invention on the machine. If the machine collides with any object or person, a pressure of only a few ounces pushes this guard rail



ELECTRIC AUTO CHAIR.

back and causes the wheel to become locked, thus bringing the chair to a dead standstill before the machine itself strikes the object or person.

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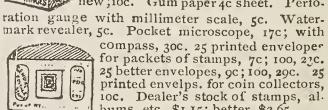
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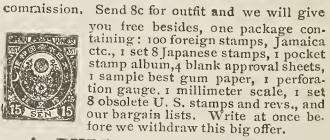
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only ten years old, has been saved from what would surely have been a life of dissipation and crime by an operation on his skull. The pressure of a bone on a part of his brain made all the difference between a Dr. Jekyll and a Mr.

Five years ago Ellis, then only five years old, was struck on the head by a stone. From that time until the operation which restored his morality he was a moral monster. He was never without a wicked impulse and was always planning some criminal act. He was murderous, maniacal and had become a hardened criminal. He attacked his little sister and viciously fought his playmates; he lied, stole, ran away from home and attempted to commit arson. His crimes ranged the whole

criminal calendar. Dr. John Kolmer discovered that a portion of the lad's skull was depressed. These parts he removed by the delicate operation of trephining. With the healing of the surgeon's wound the sense of morality was restored to Roy Ellis and every criminal tendency disappeared. Roy Ellis is now a thoroughly good boy, unusually intelligent, studious, industrious, obedient and good natured. His physical condition shows equal improvement.

New Electric Battery.

A New York paper states that an electrician of that city has devised an electric battery of which the chief feature is the use of aluminium in place of zinc. The other element is platinized steel, and the exciting fluid is caustic soda, or ammonia salts. This type of cell generates its own current and does not need charging, as a secondary battery does. Hence it is entirely independent of dynamos. The inventor hopes to be able to adapt his invention to automobile service. At present he can give no assurance that more work can be obtained from the weight of battery or that the cost of operation would be as low as with the storage system. For a forty mile run it would be necessary to consume material costing about

Safe Explosive For Mining.

Miners are watching with interest the experiments with the new blasting powder being made at the Auchincloss colliery at Nanticoke, Pa. The new explosive, known as mazurite, is more powerful than dynamite, and, it is said, cannot be fired by heat or shock singly, both being required simultaneously. A lighted miner's lamp was held under a lot of the powder, sprinkled from the hand of the demonstrator, and the powder extinguished the blaze of the lamp. The use of the new explosive promises to prevent gas explosions and save hundreds of lives annually.

Resurrection of Chaldea.

Sir William Willcocks, the well known British expert on irrigation and late director general of the irrigation works in Egypt, now proposes to restore Chaldea to its ancient productiveness and glory by means of irrigation. The Tigris river bears much the same relation to Chaldea that the Nile does to Egypt, and might be made now, as it undoubtedly was in ancient times, the great resource of the country.

A GLADSTONE STORY.

Just now, when gossip about the repeal of the corn laws is current, space may perhaps be found for a characteristic story of Mr. Gladstone. Early in 1892, when Mr. Gladstone was absorbed in home rule and obsessed by the delusion that his policy was popular, he roundly declared that the Irish question was the most important controversy in which he had ever

been engaged. A listener ventured mildly to suggest that perhaps the struggle for the repeal of the corn laws was almost as important as home rule, but Mr. Gladstone would have none of it. "I do not deny," he thundered, "that if the repeal of the corn laws had been defeated there would have been a revolution, but the Irish controversy is on a far higher plane." — Cor. Manchester (England) Guardian.

Civil War Battle Names.

Says "Colonel Ashby," the "Southern Brigadier" of the Chicago Journal: "By the way, did yo' eveh notice this: That when a great battle of ouh late wah received two names, one from the nohthehn and one from the southelin commandehs, histohy has almost always adopted the southelm one? Shiloh was so called by the southehn leadehs. Its official name in the nohthehn repohts was Pittsburg Landing. Muhfreesboho is called Stone Riveh in the Fedehal repolts. Antietam was called Shahpsbuhg by the nohthenehs. Cuhious, but true. How do yo' explain it? About the only revehsal of this rule is in the case of the battle we called Manassas, but which lives in histohy as Bull Run."

Made the Spaniards Roar.

A strangely hilarious scene was witnessed in a Madrid theater the other night. Don Allens y Borbon, a cousin of King Alfonso in the second degree, finding himself in reduced circumstances owing to family misfortunes, has taken to the stage for a living and made his first appearance with the Fuentes company as the revolutionary Mario in "Les Miserables." In the scene when the prince tragedian appeared on the barricades to cry "Vive la republique!" the idea of a lineal descendant of Louis XIV. rousing the mob against Louis Philippe was too much for the audience, who knew the actor well and literally shrieked with laughter.

Kentucky's Grand Old Man.

Colonel Thomas Johnson is the grand old man of Kentucky. He has just celebrated his ninety-first birthday at his home at Mount Sterling, near which place he was born in-1812. In early manhood he was interested in the Kentucky militia. He entered the Confederate army as a colonel and served with the famous Morgan. Since the war his business has been stock raising and his diversion politics. He served many terms in the lower house and senate of Kentucky. He has a large family living, and all Kentucky worships him.—Exchange.

Sarcastic Hetty Green.

Hetty Green one day went into a broker's office and was mistaken for a book agent by the manager, who pretended he was too busy to see her. Mrs. Green, however, made one or two remarks which struck him as being very sagacious, and he was beginning to thaw out when his quiet visitor said: "Don't let me disturb you. I am Mrs. Hetty Green. Maybe you've heard of me." The manager had not yet recovered his breath when Mrs. Hetty left the office.

Leipsic's Triple Ambition.

The Leipsic (Germany) city council has passed an ordinance compelling city employees to take up their residence within the city limits. As the waterworks, lighting plants, storage warehouses, markets, pawn shops, hospitals, etc., are municipal, a large number of people will be affected. It is said that this action was taken in order to foster Leipsic's growth, to increase the city's income and to concentrate the Conservative vote.

An Unnecessary Luxury.

In a Wurttemberg mountain village which is being frequented as a summer resort a demand arose for a bath house. The matter was discussed by the city fathers pro and con. Finally one of them arose and said: "Gentlemen, I am seventy-five vears old and have never had a bath in my life. I am in good health." The bath house was voted unnecessary.

In consequence of the revelations regarding the abject poverty of onetenth of the 75,000 inhabitants of York, England, made in Rowntree's book, "Poverty; a Study of Town Life," two manufacturers, employing together 6,200 laborers, increased their wages to 24 shillings a week. They ranged previously from 18 to 21 shillings.

The young sultan of Johore possesses a unique peculiarity. Some years ago an accident with a horse resulted in nearly the whole of his teeth being knocked out. These have been replaced by teeth of solid gold, in each of which a large diamond has been inserted, and "as the least flicker of a smile," we are told, "uncovers them the effect is a weird one to beholders, especially when the sun catches the stones and makes them flash fire."



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values at considerably more. Dealers are beginning to advertise these stamps in the papers, and one firm claims to carry ten thousand varieties in stock. Naturally, the greatest interest centers around North and Central American revenues, those of Canada and Mexico being the most popular foreign revenues for collectors residing in the U.S.

The stamp auction season has opened again with every prospect for a busy year. Many dealers turn almost their entire attention to this branch of the business. It is not necessary to carry an expensive stock; in

fact it requires but a small outlay of capital stamps belong to individuals and the dealer charges a commission for selling them. It is a curious fact that a purchaser, thinking he has a bargain, often bids a higher price for a stamp than would be charged for that stamp by a dealer doing business in the ordinary

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1893; low values like cut; last 3 larger with historic scenes. 1c blue, 2c red 3c purp, unus 4c. 5 bwn 5 10c orange-brown 11c red, 20c grn, 25 gry 10 50c red-orange

1P black, 2P gn, 5P prpl, 10p orge 25 Ic on 2c, 2 varieties



1894; 1c bwn,2 ble,3 rd 3 5c brown, 10c purple 5 11c red, 20c ble,25 org 10 50c blk, * 15 cts.1P ble20 50 1c on 11c vermilion 15 10 Oblong, historic scenes 2P ble,5P rose, 10 bwn 25 1895; 1c green 2c grn&ble, 3 bwn&bwn 3



12c lake&bwn,15 rd&rd 7 20c yellow & bwn 24c prpl&bn,30 ble&ble10 50c carmine & brown 12 IP black & brown 1895; second issue; various designs similar to above; 1c olive 3 3 | 24c vio, 30 ble 10 50c lake

5c hle&bwn, 10c org&bn 6

2c grn, 3 bwn 3 4 5c blue iP gray · 18 3 Ioc org, 12 clar6 I on 12,24 or 30 IO IO 15c red, 20 gn 7 2 on 20, 2 on 30c 1896; similar to '94 issue; dated 1896. 1c ble, 2 bn 3 5 | 15 prpl, 20 rd 7 15 3c deep grn 3 5 | 24 red, 30 org 10 25 3 | 50c brown-olive12 30 5c olive 6 10 ylw,12 ble 6 IP rose-lake 18





1896; 2nd issue; various designs, dated 1896. 1c green 3 2c lak, 3 4 3c bwn 4 4

SALVADOR, Continued

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	5c blue	5 3	24c vio,30 grn	IO	
	10c brown		50c orange	12	40
	12 slt, 15 grn 7	7	100c dark ble	18	70
	20 carmine 7	7 15	15c on 24c vio	30	30
	1897; same desig	gn as	above; colors cl	hang	ged.
		3 3	24c ylw,30 rose		
	2c grn, 3 bwn 3	3 4	50c purple	12	35
	5c orange 5	5 4	100c brown	18	60
	Ioc grn, 12 ble 6				30
	15 blk,20 slate 7	7	13 on 50, on 100	25	40
	1897; 2nd issue;	in ce	nter, triangle cor	ntair	ning
	liberty cap. 1c b	le, g	old, grn & rose	6	6
	5c rose, gold, gr	een d	& blue	15	15
	18	808	Ic vermilion	2	2



1898; Ic vermilion 2c carmine, 3c green 5c blue-green 10 ble, 12 prpl, 13 bwn 7 20 ble, 24 ble, 26 bwn 8 50 bn, unus 12c. 1P ylw 18 There are various surcharges.



1899; 1c bistre-brown 2c green, 3c blue 5c bwn-orge, 1oc choc 12c grn, 13 rose, 24 blue 26 rose, 50 red, 100 vio Above surcharged, the most common being:

black ornament, 1c, 2c. 3c, 5c 1c on 2c, usd, 5c. 1c on 13c 1900; same as above, but dated 1900 and surcharged with ornament. 1c grn 4 4 7 7 | 13c brown-orge 30 30 3 blk, 5 ble 10 10 24 gry, 26 orga 10 ble, 12 grn 20 20 | 50c rose 1903; new design; 1c gn, 2c red, 3c org 3 5 3 24 red, 26 bwn 10 5c blue Ioc lilac 6 6 50c yellow 12 12 slt, 13 bwn 7 | 100c blue

Unpaid; figure of value in center; color, olive. Ic, 2c 3 5c, 10c 3c unus, 5c. 50c 25 | 15c, 25c 1896; same; color, red. Price, the same. 1897; " " blue. 1898; " " violet. 1889; " " orange. No price. 1900; " ornamental surcharge. No price.

Postal packet; 1895; diamond-shaped; globe and goddess in center. 5c org, 10c ble, 15c red, 20c ylw, 50 gn 18 Registration; 1897; male head, front view; "Certificado" above, 10c ble or bwn 15 "Aviso de Reception;" figure of value in center. 5c green

Official; regular issues surcharged, the most common being:

1896; Franqueo Oficial on '96, 1st issue: I, 2, 3c, unus, 3c. 5c, 10, 12, 15, 20 7 1896, 2nd issue; above on '96, 2nd issue. Prices, as for 1st issuc.

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1877-81; 1p ble, 3 red 4.00 2p rose 7.00 7.00 6p purple 9p yellow-brown 5.00 5.00 1S ylw, 2S bn, 5S gn 10.00 Reprints; the greater part of these stamps sold are of the

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1887-1900 2p ylw 12 4p ble 30 ½vio Io 6p red 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ grn 3 Ip bwn 5 2S6p 1.25 IS rose 50 Ip grn Io 2½p on 2S6p, 3p on 2p 5p on 4p

 $1\frac{1}{2}$ p on 2p org, $2\frac{1}{2}$ p on 1p, $2\frac{1}{2}$ p on 1S 15 2½p rose,2½p blk, male head front 18 5p vermilion, white cross in center 50 Surchgd "Provisional Govt." 1/2p grn 4 Ip brown 5 2p yellow IO 4p blue 20 5p scarlet 6p maroon 25 1S, 2S6p

SAN MARINO



1877-99; 2c grn, similar to cut; value in center 2c blue, same 2c brown-red, same Like cut, 5 org, 25 ble 10 10 5c olive, 5 grn, 10 red 4 4 10 grn, 20 lilc,25 castle 8

10c blue, 5 on 10 ble, 2L bwn & ylw 60 60 10c on 20c vermilion, 15c brown-red 25 25 30c ylw, 40 bwn, 50 (castle) org&bn 15 15 45c grn,65 bwn, IL (portraits)gn&" 22 IL carmine & yellow, 5L vio & grn







1899; 1st of above 3 cuts; 2c bn, 5 org 3 1903; last 2 cuts. 25c blue 2 org, 5 grn 3 30c red 40 org, 45 ylw 18 Ioc claret 20c o ange 8 65c choc, 1L, 2, 5L

Unpaid; 1897; value in center; frame like '77 iss. 5 grn&bn 4 50c grn & bwn 20 Ioc grn &bwn5 60c, 1L 30 30c " " 15 5L, 10L

SARAWAK







'96; long and narrow, head frnt. 3 bn 70 1870-99; 1st cut; 2c lilac

SARAWAK, Continued 8 12 1c on 3c brown 5 12 3c brown 4c brown 10 18 2c on 3c " 10 6 grn, 8 ble 18 25 2c on 12c red 18 18 25 30 | 4 on 6, 4 on 8 60 89-1902; 2nd of above cuts; 1c lil&bk 8 1c blue & red 3 5c lilc & grn 8 2c lile & rose 6 8 6c lilac & bwn 30 2c gry & green 3 / 8c grn & rose 10 12 ge lilac & blue 4 b | 8c ylw & blk to 4c " & ylw 25 Toc grn & vio 12 1 10c ble, 12 vio 12 10c green & violet, 12c green & blue 12 16c bwn & grn, unusd 18 cts. 16c gn&org 32c gru & blk, 50 green, \$1. green & blk 20 olve&vio,25 gn&bwn, 25 bwn&ble 25 50 " & red,\$1 rose&gn,5 on12,2 on8c. ic on 3c lilac & blue 1894; 3rd of above cuts; 8c deep grn 15 2c brown; 4c black; 6c violet

SAXONY

1850; square, figure 3 in center; 3p red 30.00 1851; shield in center; 3p green 2.25 65



1851; ½ n.g gry, 3 ylw I n.g rose 2 ng blue 1855; same, but head facing lft n.g gry, 3 n.g yellow. I n.g rose 35 ž n.g bluë

5 n.g vermilion, used, 40 cts; to n.g ble 3.00





'63;3pgn 5 12 2n.g org 3 I n.g rose 3 2 n.g ble 4 3 n.g bwn 5 § n.g vio 50 60 5 n g ble 60 55

SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN

1850; S. H. in upper corners, double-headed eagle in center. is ble & ble 6.00 20.00 2s rose & pink 13.00 40.00







1864-5; similar to first cut, but Schleswig Holstein above. ½s rose 1 s grn 60 12 2s ultramn 1.80 3.00 1 1/3 s lilac 1.50 2.00 | 4s bistre 1.80 10.00 Like first cut; 1/2s green, 1 1/3s rose 85 1.00 1 1/4s green 80 18 | 2s ble, 4s bist 80 70 11/4s lilac 90 12 4s carmine 1.00 2.00 1864-5; similar to 2nd cut; wreath around 1.50 80 inscription; i 4s blue 1.00 25 Like 2nd cut; 1 4s blue 2.00 2.00 1865-6; 3rd cut; 1/2s green 1 1/4s lile, usd 25c. 1 1/3s fd, 2s ble, 4 bist 1.25 SENEGAMBIA & NIGER

SERVIA

66; coat arms in center; 1p gn, 2 bn 2:25

under French Colonies, which see.





1867; 1st cut Ip grn I.oo 2p bn 1.25 Iop org 2.5° 10p blue 3.00 20p rose 25 25 40p ble 60 50 19 剪

1869-79; 2nd cut; Ip yellow 2p black **3** 4 25p rose IO IO 10p brown 40 40 35p green Io Io 10p or, 20 bl 4 5 | 40p violet 10 10 15p org 4.50 2.00 | 50p green 10 15





1881; 1st cut; 5p grn 3 3 Iop rose 2 20p org 3 25p blue 3 Sop bwn § 10 iD violt id

1890; 2nd of above 2 cuts. 3p grn 2 2 25p blue 10p red 15p violet 3 3 50p brown I 5 3 | 1D lilac 30 2op orge 1894 - 1900; 1st





cut. I red 3

50p bistre, used, 5 cts. ID green D brown; thused 60c; rop on 20 ros 15p on 1D red-brown 1901-3; 2nd of above 2 cuts. 5p grn 3 5op yellow 10p rose 20 1D brown 20 15p purple 7 2op orge 8 3D rose 80, 3 25p gray 10 3 5D violet 1.50



Unpaid; 1894-8 5p lilac-rose 10p blue 20p orange-brown 10 3op green Sop fose

SEYCHELLES ISLANDS



1890-1902; 2c grn&red 4 2c bwn&grn, 3 vio&org 3 4c red & green,6 carmn 5 8c vio&ble, 12 bn&grn 12 18 10 ble&bwn,15 on 16c 20 13c slt&blk,30 on 75c 25 15 olve&vio, 16 bn&ble 18

15c ble, 18 ble, 3 on 36 bwn & red 12 6c on 8c, violet & blue 36c bwn&red,75 yl&prpl,1R vio&red 50 45c bwn&red, 1R5oc blk & carmine 80 48c ylw&grn,96vio&rd, 45 on48 yl&grn 90 on96 vio&rd,2R25 vio&gn,3 on16 This issue should be added to the long list | 3c on 10 ble&bn,* 15cts.36 on 45c 1.50

SEYCHELLES, Continued

3c on 4 red & grn, 2c on 4c red & grn 6 18c on 45 bwn & red, 30 on 1R vio&rd 30 12 on 16 bn&ble, 45 on 1R, 45 on 2R25c 35 1903; head King Edward; 2c bwn&grn 3

3c green 3 6c carmine 5 12 bwn&gn 12 15c blue 15 18 grn&red 15 30c lilac & green 45c bwn & red 75c ylw & prpl 1R50c blk&red 2R25c vio&grn

SIAM



1883-9; various design's similar to cut; Il blue ra carmine 12 1p vermilion, 1so ylw 25 30 Isa orange 45 IT on Il blue (3 vars.) 1a on 1p vermilion 10 10 1887-99; 1a green 2a green & red 3a grn & ble,4 grn&bwn 8 8a gn & ylw, 12 lil&red 18 24a lilac & blue 642 lilac & brown 1.00 35 ia on ža green & red 8

I on 3a grn & ble, 2 on 3a grn & ble Ia on 12a lilac & carmine 1a on64 lilc&bn, 2a on 64 lilc & org 6 3a on 12a lilac&carmn, 10a on24 lilc & ble 6 4a on 12a lilc&carmn, 4a on 24a " " 10 10a on 24a " blue 1900; same des, head facing lft; Ia gn 3 3 3 Ioa ultramarne Io 4 12a vio&rose 12 3a red & ble 4 4a dark rose 5 5 24a vio & blue 25 8a grn&ylw 8 5 64a " bwn 60 5 64a " bwn 60 30 1901; same design, head facing slightly to lft. 1a green 3 2 3a red & blue 4

SIERRA LEONE

1861-95; 6p violet, 1S greeu

2a grn & ros 3 3



1872-95; ½ bistr, 1S org 50 ½p green, Ip rose 1½p vio, 2½p ultramn 10 2p magenta 2p slt, 3p buff, 4p bistre 15 4p blue $\frac{1}{2}$ on $\frac{1}{2}$ p violet 55

1896 7; design of 1903 issue, but head of Victoria; ½p lilac & green 5p lilac & blk 18 Ip lilc&rose 1½ " blk 6p lilac 2p " org IS grn & blk 50 2½ " ble 10 5 2S " blue 90 5S " red 2.00 " slate 12 4p " red 15 £1 brown 8.00 1897; revenues sur. for postg; 2½ on 1S or 2S 1p lilc&grn, 2½ on 3p, 2½ on 6p 40 60



1903; 12p lile & grn 1p lilc&red, 1 1/2 lilc&olve 6 2p " bwn 2½" ble 10 3p " gry,4p " red 15 5p " blk,6p " vio 22 1S gn& " 5S grn&red £1 lilac

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



1855-85 ip green 2p red 6p blue IS orange 1S brown

I .25 20 IO 3.00 20







1860-1902; various designs. ½p bw#, 2p prpl, usd 2c. 2S6p vio 2.50 Ip green, Ip iose, 3p orange 2p red, used 60 cts. sp purple 2½p blue (kangaroo), 3p green 4p violet, like last cut above FO' 4p " new design, 6p blue 3 9p lilac or lilac-rose, 2S red 35 5S rose, 1oS green 15S ylw, 1£,2£,2£10S,3£,4,5,10,15,20£



1900; ½p grn, like cut 3 1860-93; above issues surchgd. ½p on Ip green 20 15 2½ρ on 4p green 30 30 3p on 4p ultramarine 2.00 2.00 3.00 60 8p on 9p brown 10p on 9p yellow

1902-3; long, size of revenue stamps. 3p green 10 9p lake 10p org-ylw 4p orange 12 IS brown 5p ble-grn 2S6p violet 5S rose, £1 blue 8p ultramn 20

Official; 1874-1900; surch. O.S. the most common being: 1p grn 3 | 2p orange 2 | 4p red-violet

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SOUTHERN NIGERIA

1	DOUTHERIN MIGHT
-	1901; head Queen Victoria; 2p bn&blk 10
	12p green & black, 1p red & black 5
	4p " " 6p vio ". 20
	1S " " 2S6p bwn&"
	5S vellow & " 10S vio & black
	1903; similar, but head of King Edward VII.
	15p grn&blk 3 6p vio&blk 16
	in red " 4 IS blk & green
	2p bwn " 8 2S bwn&black
	4p grn " 12 5S, 10S, £1

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